



2025

ANNUAL *Report to the Community*

WE MEET THE MOMENT. WE ARE THE MOVEMENT.
PROMOTING *Resiliency* ALONG THE WAY.

Dear friends of MCOP and The Opportunity Center @ ALCC,

If there is one word to describe our amazing staff and volunteers, it is RESILIENT. When there is a need to be met, we step up to meet it. If an emergency occurs, we roll up our sleeves and get the work done. During times of change, we pivot. Our MCOP and Opportunity Center staff and volunteers are excellent in so many ways, partially because of our resilient spirit.

But that is what the Community Action movement is all about! During this past year with the government shutdown and pause in SNAP benefits, we were there to meet the moment and be the movement. The movement that steps up to get it done. And our community is right there with us, helping out along the way to meet our community's greatest needs.



This past year, we built resilient communities across Monroe County, we empowered individuals and families to be self-reliant, and we mobilized our volunteers, partners, and stakeholders – all in an effort to reduce poverty.

We met the moment. We are the movement. Community Action is RESILIENT.

Thank you for being by our side in service to the community,

Stephanie Zara Kasprzak, Executive Director



Planting Seeds of Growth:

During 2025, two major projects started that will enhance our capacity and expand our impact. The Center Project is a testament to our collaborative spirit, expanding The Opportunity Center space and bringing three pillar organizations, MCOP/The Opportunity Center, Navarre Branch Library, and the Monroe County Learning Bank Network, under one roof. Opening planned for Spring 2026!



The second project is the MCOP Food Warehouse Expansion, aiming to grow our facility on Telegraph Road to expand access to fresh and healthy food to all food pantries in our Network. Phase One of the project was completed in January 2026, with Phase Two underway!



Poverty in Monroe County & Our Results:

The current poverty rate in Monroe County is approximately 11.1% - which translates to just more than 17,000 people who fall under the federal poverty guidelines. That said, during 2025, MCOP provided services to 11,291 unduplicated, low-income people across Monroe County. This means that 66.4% of low-income people are receiving services through our agency. A total of 3,132 people received ongoing case management, and 2,194 were provided referrals. Here are the results of our impact by department:

Aging & Disability Resource Department:

We pride ourselves on taking great care of our seniors! Our Aging & Disability Resource team provided in-home services including home care and chore services to 593 older adults, Medicare/Medicaid, and Options Counseling to 316 individuals, and tax preparation service provided for 261 households. Overall, 2,136 seniors and 2,357 disabled individuals remained independent due to our interventions.



Food Department:



Our Food Department team helps to ensure no one goes hungry in our community! During 2025, a total of 2,465,815 pounds of food was distributed and 3,532 diaper packages were provided to low-income families. When SNAP benefits were paused, our community stepped up and our team organized five mobile distributions across the county to fill the gap. A total of 6,282 people reported improved health and well-being as a result of our food assistance programs.

Housing Quality & Energy Conservation Department:

Safe, secure, and affordable housing is the goal of this team! During 2025, 822 households experienced improved health, safety, and energy efficiency in their homes due to Weatherization, Homeowner Rehabilitation, and installation of home safety devices. Crisis utility assistance was provided for 739 households, and homeowner education programs assisted 240 people.





Supportive Services Department:

Housing stability is the goal of this team! Over the year, this team helped 311 households avoid eviction, 366 individuals obtain safe and affordable housing, and helped 245 people experiencing homelessness find temporary shelter. Our Bridges out of Poverty and Family Self-Sufficiency Programs increased savings and eliminated barriers for low-income families. This team also provides leadership to the Monroe County Network on Homelessness and Homeless Management Information System.

The Opportunity Center @ ALCC:

There's always something happening at the Center! During 2025, 80 seniors participated in activities – including 142 wellness classes and 197 fitness classes. The health hub provided 56 dental screenings and exams, 45 mental health assessments, and 16 substance abuse screenings. A total of 974 people (youth and adults) participated in life skills classes. MCOP hosted 22 summer youth employees, 192 children participated in after-school programs, and 102 attended summer day camps. Overall, 550 youth and young adults reported demonstrated improvements in learning, behavior, and attention.



Specialized Transportation:

Our truly dedicated transportation team is out there rain or snow taking Monroe County residents to their non-emergency medical appointments! Last year, our team drove 62,806 miles, taking 300 senior and disabled clients on 5,122 trips. Our team travels across Southeast Michigan keeping our clients in good health.

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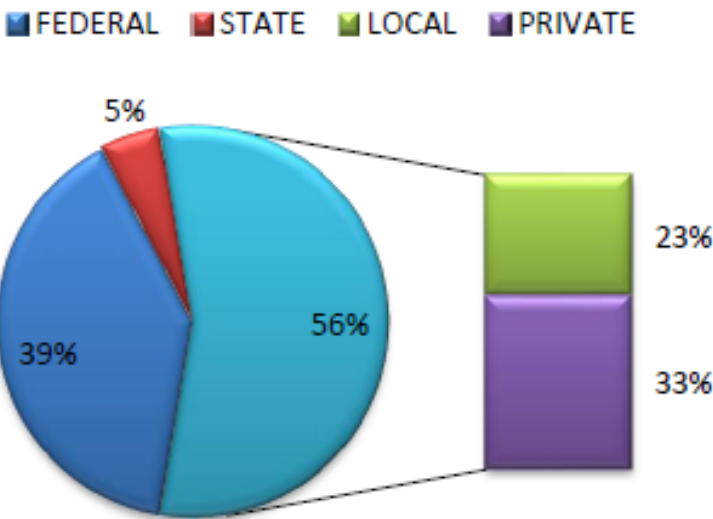
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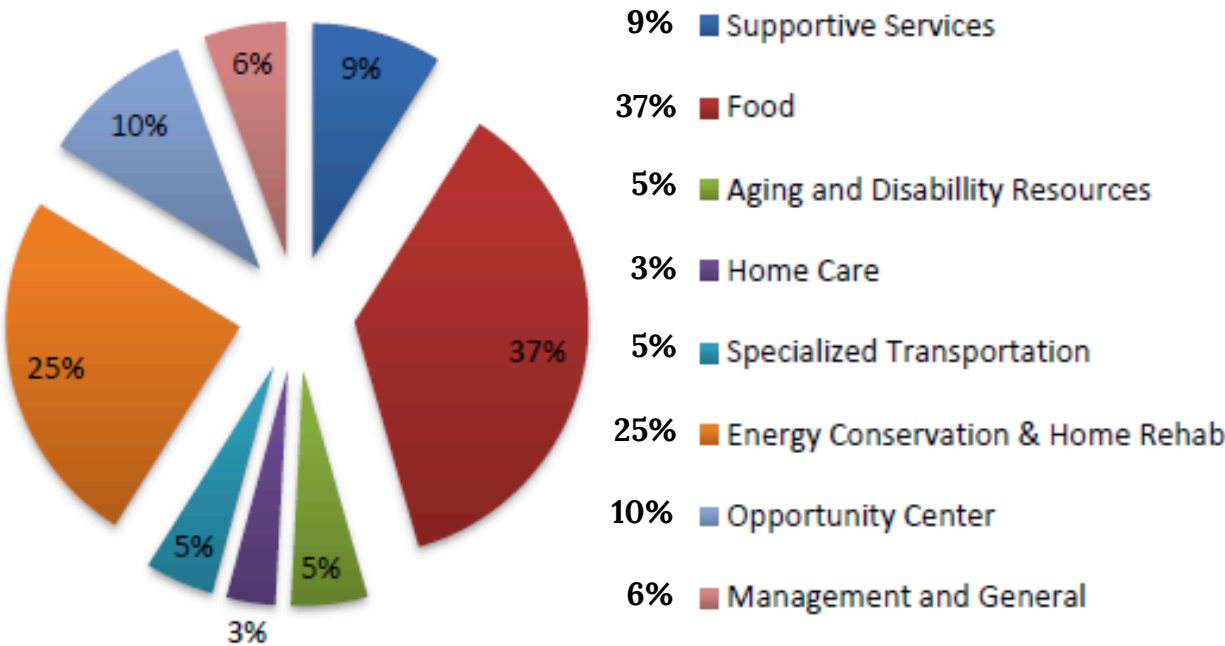
Monroe County Opportunity Program FY ENDING 9-30-25

FEDERAL \$ 3,097,947	PRIVATE \$ 2,575,406	TOTAL \$ 7,831,390
STATE \$ 386,754	LOCAL \$ 1,771,283	

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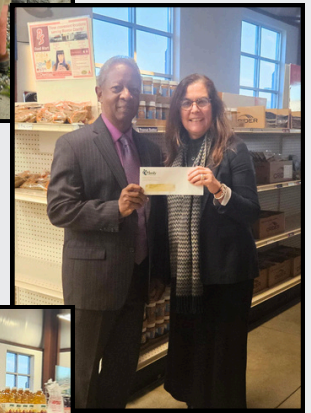
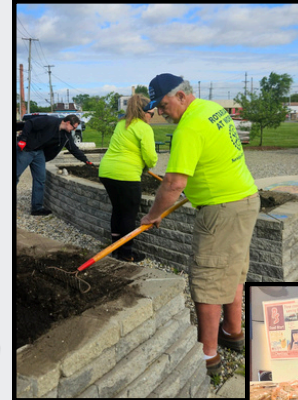


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